GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1571
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DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY ENROUTE TO AMARNATH YATRA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Army violated security norms" as reported in the Statesman dated June 17, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Army personnel deployed at Sonmarg have violated security norms by showing another route to pilgrims visiting Amarnath Yatra;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such violations in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. The contents of the newspaper article are false and devoid of facts.